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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication H6-65350 published August 24, 1994, which is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of Applicants' specification, along with an English language translation thereof; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-286578 to Osamu et. al., published on October 16, 2001, which is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of Applicants' specification, along with an English language translation thereof.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite all of the above patent documents. The relevance of the documents is as noted on page 1 of Applicants' specification.

A copy of each of the above-noted patent documents is attached for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98. Further, each of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/758,050, to HOJO et al., entitled "Balance Practicing Machine", filed on January 16, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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